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#### 1940 DUCK STAMP SALES SHOW OVER 1,250,000 WILDFOWLERS

More than a million and a quarter Federal migratory bird hunting stamps were bought last year, according to a report to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Required of all migratory-waterfowl hunters over 16 years old, the so-called duck stamps provide the only available index to the number of wildfowlers in the country, says the Service.

Out of a total of 1,257,313 stamps, the largest sale in any one State was 118,931 in Minnesota. Michigan was second with 94,180, and Wisconsin and California third and fourth, with 89,317 and 85,819.

Other States in the first 10 were Texas, 77,288; Illinois, 64,212; Washington, 62,704; Louisiana, 43,069; New York, 42,934; and Iowa, 40,670.

Sold for \$1 at post offices, the duck stamps provide funds that help finance the Federal Government's refuge program. Every sportsman over 16 who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person one of the stamps with his signature in ink across its face. Many are also purchased by collectors, the post office department's philatelic agency in Washington alone reporting a sale of 3,260 stamps last year.

Sales at post offices in the 48 States, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and Hawaii last year were as follows, the State's ranking in sales totals being shown in parentheses:

Alabama (37), 6,590; Alaska (48), 2,520; Arizona (42), 3,951; Arkansas (27), 16,330; California (4), 85,819; Colorado (18), 24,453; Connecticut (36), 6,733.

Delaware (44), 3,646; District of Columbia (50), 1,312; Florida (28), 14,717; Georgia (43), 3,757; Hawaii (51), 76; Idaho (21), 20,508; Illinois (6), 64,212; Indiana (24), 18,882; Iowa (10), 40,670.

Kansas (13), 26,915; Kentucky (41), 4,611; Louisiana (8), 43,069; Maine (33), 9,641; Maryland (29), 11,011; Massachusetts (23), 19,464; Michigan (2), 94,180; Minnesota (1), 118,931; Mississippi (34), 9,211; Missouri (15), 26,723; Montana (12), 28,645.

Nebraska (14), 26,745; Nevada (38), 6,403; New Hampshire (47), 3,134; New Jersey (22), 20,080; New Mexico (40), 5,077; New York (9), 42,934; North Carolina (32), 9,965; North Dakota (25), 17,584.

Ohio (19), 23,245; Oklahoma (17), 25,199; Oregon (11), 32,239; Pennsylvania (20), 21,623; Rhode Island (45), 3,239; South Carolina (39), 5,554; South Dakota (16), 25,446.

Tennessee (30), 10,600; Texas (5), 77,288; Utah (26), 16,886; Vermont (46), 3,153; Virginia (31), 10,076; Washington (7), 62,704; West Virginia (49), 1,475; Wisconsin (3), 89,317; Wyoming (35), 7,510.